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(Appointed 7th October, 1953)

Additional Sanitary Inspector:
S. JOULES, M.S.I.A.
(Appointed 19th March, 1953)

Clerk: W. K. GUDGER

STATISTICAL

The following are the General Statistics for the year 1953:—

Area of District, in acres	1,241
Population (Census, 1931)	8,460
Estimated Population at the middle of 1953, supplied by the Registrar General	12,490
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census, 1931)	2,207
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1953, in accordance with the Rate Books	4,253
Rateable Value	£80,719
Sum represented by a penny rate	£290

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

BIRTHS.							Total	M.	F.
Live Births ...	Legitimate ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	141	71	70
	Illegitimate ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	5
							<hr/> 149	<hr/> 74	<hr/> 75
							<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Stillbirths ...	Legitimate ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	Total 4	M. 3	F. 1
	Illegitimate ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
							<hr/> 4	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 1
							<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population									11.9
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population									11.6
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births ...									26

DEATHS:

		Total	M.	F.
Deaths		158	66	92
Death Rates per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1953.				
Crude	12.7	Adjusted		12.9

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES:

	Deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	—
Other Puerperal causes	—

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:

All Infants per 1,000 live births	34
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	34
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	—

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	2
Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	13

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	29
„ „ Measles (all ages)	—
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	—
„ „ Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhœa	1

TABLES:

Tables 1, 2 and 3 give a comparison of the birth and death rates with previous years, and with the corresponding rates for England and Wales.

Table 4 classifies the deaths under certain heads.

Tables 5 and 6 classify and compare the deaths in certain diseases during the last 10 years.

TABLE No. 1

VITAL STATISTICS Per 1,000 of Estimated Population

	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality		Neonatal	
	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 population	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 population	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1953	... 149	*11.9	... 158	*12.7	... 4	26	... —	... —	5	34	... 2	13
Year 1952	... 155	12.3	... 170	13.4	... 4	25	... —	... —	5	32	... 3	19
Year 1951	... 173	13.7	... 164	13.0	... 3	17	... —	... —	4	23	... 3	17
Year 1950	... 172	13.6	... 158	12.5	... 1	6	... —	... —	2	12	... 1	6
Year 1949	... 183	14.4	... 161	12.6	... 4	21	... —	... —	6	33	... —	—
Year 1948	... 194	15.3	... 150	11.8	... 9	44	... —	... —	8	41	... —	—
Average 5 years— 1948—1952	— 13.8	...	— 12.6	...	— 22.6	...	— —	...	— 28	...	— —	—

*Adjusted (live birth rates comparability factor, 0.97) = 11.6 per 1,000
(death rate comparability factor, 1.02) = 12.9 per 1,000

TABLE No. 2

Comparison of Local Birth and Death Rates with those of
England and Wales.

Year		Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
			Local	England and Wales	Local	England and Wales
1943	...	11,810	17.70	16.50	10.84	12.10
1944	...	11,500	18.00	17.60	12.26	11.60
1945	...	11,530	17.70	16.10	12.70	11.40
1946	...	12,150	17.60	19.10	12.10	11.50
1947	...	12,340	18.40	20.50	12.60	12.00
1948	...	12,650	15.30	17.90	11.80	10.80
1949	...	12,730	14.40	16.70	12.60	11.70
1950	...	12,620	13.60	15.80	12.50	11.60
1951	...	12,590	13.70	15.50	13.00	12.50
1952	...	12,650	12.30	15.30	13.40	11.30
Average of 10 years			15.87	17.10	12.38	11.65
1953	...	12,490	11.90	15.50	12.70	11.40

TABLE No. 3. Infant Mortality

Year		No. of Deaths	Rate of Deaths per 1,000 Births		Rate of Deaths per 1,000 Births	
			Local	England and Wales	Local	England and Wales
1943	.....	6	.....	56.6	.....	49
1944	.....	9	.....	43.5	.....	46
1945	.....	7	.....	34	.....	46
1946	.....	10	.....	46	.....	43
1947	.....	14	.....	61	.....	41
1948	.....	8	.....	41	.....	34
1949	.....	6	.....	33	.....	32
1950	.....	2	.....	12	.....	29.8
1951	.....	4	.....	23	.....	29.6
1952	.....	5	.....	32	.....	27.6
Average of 10 yrs.		7.1	.....	38.21	.....	37.8
1953	.....	5	.....	34	.....	26.8

TABLE No. 4. Causes of Death during 1953

	Total	Males	Females
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	5	2
" " lung, bronchus	—	—	—
" " breast	3	—	3
" " uterus	2	—	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	8	9
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	1	1	—
Diabetes	1	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	23	8	15
Coronary disease, angina	22	11	11
Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	1	2
Other heart disease	33	11	22
Other circulatory disease	3	1	2
Influenza	1	—	1
Pneumonia	4	3	1
Bronchitis	12	5	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	2	2	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa ...	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—
Pregnancy, child birth, abortion ...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	14	6	8
Motor-vehicle accidents	—	—	—
All other accidents	2	1	1
Suicide	1	1	—
Homicide and operation of war ...	—	—	—
All causes	158	66	92

TABLE No. 5

Number of deaths from certain diseases during the last ten years.

Disease	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Tuberculosis	2	5	3	6	6	4	5	9	4	3
Cancer	29	35	29	35	20	22	28	30	20	20
Influenza	1	1	1	—	4	—	1	1	—	3
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	4	2	2	4	7	2	4	3	6	6
Bronchitis	12	9	17	12	12	15	10	2	13	9
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—

TABLE No. 6
Tuberculosis Death Rate.

Year	Estimated Population Rate per 1,000					
1943	0.26
1944	0.26
1945	0.35
1946	0.74
1947	0.40
1948	0.31
1949	0.47
1950	0.40
1951	0.23
1952	0.40
Average of ten years	0.38
1953	0.16

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

No epidemic of infectious disease occurred throughout the year. It is again gratifying to note that no deaths have occurred as a result of Diphtheria since 1945.

Fifteen houses were disinfected during the year.

Where suitable isolation and nursing facilities have existed, arrangements have been made for the home nursing of Scarlet Fever cases. In general, this system has functioned satisfactorily.

Fourteen patients were admitted to Infectious Diseases Hospitals from the Audenshaw area. The causal diseases and hospitals were as under:—

Hospital	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Acute Polio- myelitis	Typhoid	Dysentery
Hyde Isolation ...	—	—	3	—	1*	—
Monsall	3*	—	1	1*	—	1*
Westhulme, Oldham	—	—	1	—	—	—
Lake Hospital ...	—	1	—	—	—	—
Ashton Infirmary	—	1	—	—	—	—
Manchester Royal Infirmary	—	—	—	1*	—	—
	3*	2	5	2*	1*	1*

* Suspected cases—None confirmed.

TABLE No. 7

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths during 1953.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pul- monary		Non-Pul- monary		Pul- monary		Non-Pul- monary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
15—20	—	—	—	1	...	—	—	—
20—25	1	2	—	—	...	—	—	—
25—35	—	2	—	—	...	—	—	—
35—45	1	1	—	—	...	1	—	—
45—55	—	1	—	—	...	—	—	—
55—65	1	—	—	—	...	1	—	—
65 and upwards	1	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Totals	4	6	—	1	...	1	1	—
	10		1			2		—

The tuberculosis notification system worked effectively and no compulsion was necessitated in the removal to hospital of any tuberculous person.

No evidence has been forthcoming of persons suffering from active tuberculosis carrying on employment in the milk production or distribution trades.

Disinfection was arranged where necessary.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Pathological and bacteriological specimens were dealt with at the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester. This service also applied to private practitioners who were able to forward specimens direct to the laboratory. Swabs and other material were obtained from the laboratory concerned and from this department.

Twenty-four specimens have been examined under this scheme, thirteen in relation to suspected diphtheria cases, six in relation to the typhoid, salmonella and dysentery groups of organisms, three in relation to whooping cough and two in relation to tuberculosis.

TABLE No. 8

Notifiable Diseases During the Year 1953 (Other than Tuberculosis).

Disease	Total Cases all ages	Under 1	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 & over	Total deaths	Total Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	31	—	1	2	25	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
Whooping Cough	25	—	8	7	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	127	4	40	32	48	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia (Acute, Primary and Influenzal) ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
Totals ...	186	4	49	41	83	4	—	3	1	1	—	7	—

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied with water by the Ashton, Stalybridge and Dukinfield Joint Water Board. The water supply proved sufficient in quantity and of a satisfactory quality throughout the year. All the water supplied was subjected to gravity and pressure filtration, with subsequent sterilisation by ozonisation.

Two samples were procured by this Authority during the year, one from a dwellinghouse and one from a café within the district. These samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

The results of routine samples taken by the Joint Water Board at various parts of the supply system in Audenshaw were as follows:—

Type of Examination	No. Taken	Result	
		Excellent	Satisfactory
Bacteriological	25	23	2
Chemical Analysis	1	—	1

No raw water was supplied to the district and no evidence of plumbo-solvency existed in the water supplied.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Numerous drains were cleansed and repaired, and several drainage systems were reconstructed under the supervision of the Department.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Closet accommodation existing within the district at 31st December, 1953, may be categorised as under:—

Pail closets	... ..	22
Waste-water closets	... ..	1,270
Modern water closets	... ..	3,261

Several of the pail closets are situated at farms and houses where sewer connections are not available within a reasonable distance. This mode of disposal has also been employed at certain temporary building and contractors' sites.

Ten waste-water closets were voluntarily converted by owners during the year; all conversion works being completed in accordance with the requirements of the local building bye-laws.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE

SCAVENGING

There are approximately thirteen and one-half miles of roads within the district, excluding unadopted roads, streets, passages, etc.

Subject to suitable weather conditions, the district main roads were swept twice per week throughout the year by a mechanical sweeper hired from Hyde Corporation. Two street orderlies were employed on a full-time basis within the district.

The cleansing of street gullies was carried out by the Surveyor's Department.

REFUSE COLLECTION

No privy-middens or ashpits exist, as such, within the district. An approximate number of 4,350 movable dustbins require regular emptying.

Collection of refuse was carried out by two vehicles, one an "N" type S.D. Freighter and the other a Karrier Bantam Refuse Collector, each being manned by a team consisting of five men and a driver. A third vehicle, a twenty-seven horsepower Bedford Refuse Collector, was held in reserve and used on two half-days per week for the emptying of pail closets, collection of salvage and delivery of new dustbins.

Approximately 4,415 tons of refuse, or 1,995 loads, were collected over the twelve-monthly period.

DUSTBIN STOCK—Period 1st January, 1953, to 31st December, 1953.

Item	Quantity Sold	Cost to Authority			Establishment Charges			Total		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dustbins ...	296	337	2	8	38	17	3	375	19	11

Nine dustbins were supplied in default of owners, in accordance with the provisions of Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936. The costs were recoverable.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

All refuse was dealt with by controlled tipping methods, the tip being situate on low-lying ground in the Shepley Road area. Two tip attendants were employed on the work.

The tip was sprayed on occasions during the warmer months as a precaution against infestation by insect pests. Test baiting was carried out periodically in respect of rat infestations, although very little nuisance was experienced in this regard.

SALVAGE

During the twelve months commencing 1st January, 1953, a total sum of £212 19s. 1d. was realised from the sale of salvage. The weights of the different materials were as under:—

Materials	tons
Waste paper	22.6
Kitchen waste	12.06
Rags	0.025
Metal	13.92

SNOW CLEARANCE

In order to avoid dislocation of other essential services, a skeleton staff was employed, together with one vehicle, to deal with light snowfalls and frosted roads. A trailer gritting machine was used to distribute anti-frost materials.

In the event of emergency all available men from the Health, Highways, and Cemetery and Parks Departments would be directed to the work. A rota system was in operation, this ensuring that men were prepared for duty at all hours of the day and night.

The ready co-operation of other Council Departments in loaning men to this Department is greatly appreciated.

PETROL ISSUES

3,287 gallons of petrol were issued to the undermentioned Council Departments during the year:—

	Gallons
Public Health Department—	
Refuse Collection Services	1,688
Highways Department—	
General	1,416
Cemetery and Parks Department—	
Cemetery	126
Ryecroft Hall	57

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

No licences were issued during the year in respect of camping sites.

No nuisances were discovered during the year from this source.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Seven half-hourly observations of factory chimneys were made during the year.

In the absence of bye-laws controlling the density, colour or content of smoke emissions, a tentative standard has been employed, this being based upon a permissible maximum of three minutes dense smoke per half-hourly observation.

The joint scheme investigation into atmospheric pollution continued throughout the year, and a lead peroxide apparatus was maintained in the grounds of Ryecroft Hall. The results obtained over the year are shown hereunder, in milligrams of sulphur dioxide per 100 square centimetres of exposed surface per day. (For comparison purposes, other figures are shown, indicating maximum and minimum amounts of sulphur dioxide present in the constituent area as a whole over each month).

Ryecroft Hall, Audenshaw	January	February	March	April	May	June
Minimum figure in area over month	2.93	1.90	—*	2.05	1.40	1.39
	1.91 (Lees Cemetery)	1.44 (Mossley Town Hall)	—*	1.33 (Whitworth Cemetery)	0.93 (Whitworth Cemetery)	0.79 (Whitworth Cemetery)
Maximum figure in area over month	4.65 (An Oldham Site)	3.06 (An Oldham Site)	—*	3.62 (An Oldham Site)	2.47 (An Oldham Site)	2.32 (An Oldham Site)

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Ryecroft Hall, Audenshaw	July	August	September	October	November	December
Minimum figure in area over month	1.43	1.48	1.68	1.99	2.53	2.55
	0.88 (Middleton Town Hall)	0.68 (Middleton Town Hall)	0.93 (Denton Sewage Works)	1.13 (Denton Sewage Works)	0.77 (Denton Sewage Works)	1.74 (Denton Sewage Works)
Maximum figure in area over month	2.41 (An Oldham Site)	2.35 (An Oldham Site)	2.96 (An Oldham Site)	4.28 (An Oldham Site)	5.94 (An Oldham Site)	4.73 (An Oldham Site)

* Abnormally high results for March, 1953, suspected to be due to fabric used on cylinders.

The Ryecroft Hall area is not the most heavily industrialised part of the district, but of the few sites available it was thought to be the most suitable from the considerations of safety of the apparatus and relative freedom from air obstruction by surrounding buildings.

The enamelling process at a large foundry within the district was found to be emitting fluoride which gave rise to extensive blooming of windows within the immediate vicinity. Co-operation with H.M. Alkali Inspector and the management of the foundry has done much to improve the situation.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS

Nineteen premises were found to be infested with insect pests of the commoner types.

Insecticides and disinfectant were available for sale to the public at cost price plus a five per cent establishment charge. In odd instances, where financial circumstances of persons did not permit of their purchasing these materials, small but adequate quantities were given to them to assist in disinfection or disinfection of their homes.

Occupiers responded well to suggestions and advice given by the Department.

RODENT CONTROL

The Authority has the services of one full-time rodent operator.

Two complete treatments and one test-baiting of the district sewers were carried out during the year.

Where surface infestations were found to have been caused by defects in drainage systems, the necessary steps were taken to abolish the source of infestation.

No proceedings were taken under the appropriate sections of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for year ended 31st December, 1953

	Local Authority	Type of Property			All other (including Business and Industrial)	Total
		Dwellinghouse	Agricultural	(approx.)		
(i) Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2) ...	8	4,093	9	266	(approx.)	4,376
(ii) Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1953 as a result of (a) of notification or (b) otherwise (Notes 1, 2 and 3) ...	(a) 2 (b) 1	67 132	1 —	11 4		81 137
(iii) Number of properties (under ii) found to be infested by rats (Notes 1, 2 and 3) ...	Major — Minor 1	— 13	1 —	1 3		2 17
(iv) Number of properties (under ii) found to be seriously infested by mice (Notes 1, 2 and 3) ...	1	61	—	8		70

(v) Number of infested properties (under iii and iv) treated by the Local Authority (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	3	120	1	15	139
(vi) Number of notices served under Section 4:—					
(1) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(2) Structural Works (i.e., Proofing) ...	—	—	—	—	—
(vii) Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following issue of notice under Section 4	—	—	—	—	—
(viii) Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
(ix) No. of “block” control schemes carried out ...	2				

Note 1—Council houses are included under Dwellinghouses.

Note 2—Sewers are not included.

Note 3—Combined dwelling and business premises where occupied by the same person are included under Business Premises.

SCHOOLS

There are four elementary schools, one secondary modern, and one grammar school within the district.

In general, conditions were fairly satisfactory, although the closet accommodation at two schools was not of a high standard.

Mains water is available at all schools.

FACTORIES

Cases of unsatisfactory conditions which were notified by H.M. Inspector of Factories were all investigated and the necessary intimations of requirements were given verbally or in writing. Routine inspections were also made and action taken where necessary.

Visits were made to outworkers' premises.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	25	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	50	11	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	1	—	—
Total ...	77	16	—	—

				Cases found	Cases remedied	Number of Prosecutions instituted
2.	Cases in which defects were found.					
	Want of cleanliness (S1)			—	—	—
	Overcrowding (S2)			—	—	—
	Unreasonable temperature (S3) ...			—	—	—
	Inadequate ventilation (S4) ...			—	—	—
	Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)			—	—	—
	Sanitary conveniences (S7):					
	(a)	Insufficient	4	1	—	
	(b)	Unsuitable or defective ...	9	9	—	
	(c)	Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	
Total				13	10	—

Part VIII of the Act (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of persons employed by	No. of persons employed by	No. of persons employed by	No. of persons employed by	No. of persons employed by	No. of persons employed by
Wearing apparel, making etc.	17	—	—	—	—	—

WORKPLACES

Routine inspections were carried out during the year.

HOUSING

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED BY THE SERVICE OF INFORMAL AND STATUTORY NOTICES DURING 1953

Roofs	139	Brickwork and pointing of walls, sills, etc. ...	35
Chimney stacks, pots, etc.	124	Floors	6
Damp walls	26	Ceilings	18
Windows, skylights, etc	42	Washing coppers, flues, etc.	1
Walls (plaster)	20	Sinks and waste-pipes	4
Fireplaces, flues, etc ...	13	Dustbins renewed ...	68
Doors and frames ...	13	Drains and closets cleansed and repaired	56
Closet seats	4		
Flushing cisterns ...	1		
Rainwater conductors	94		

STATISTICS

Number of new houses erected during the year: —

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	50
(1) By the Local Authority	34
(2) By other Local Authorities	nil
(3) By other bodies and persons	16
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts:	
(1) By the Local Authority, included (a) (1) above	nil
(2) By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (3) above)	nil

I. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR: —

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	176
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	833
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consoli- dated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	nil

(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	172
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE:—	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	197
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—	
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which after service of formal notices were rendered fit:	
(a) By owners	nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	91
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners	151
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	2
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	nil

- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:
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|---|--------|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | | nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | ... .. | nil |

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936—PART IV—OVERCROWDING:—

A new house-to-house survey would be necessary in order to ascertain the exact state of overcrowding within the district.

5. HOUSING ACT, 1949:—

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|---|--------|------------|
| (a) (1) Number of schemes submitted— | | |
| (a) By private individuals to Local Authority | | 1 |
| (b) By Local Authority to Ministry | ... .. | nil |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses or other buildings affected | ... .. | 1 |
| (b) (1) Number of schemes approved by Ministry | | nil |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses or other buildings affected | ... .. | nil |
| (3) Number of additional separate dwellings to be provided under these approved Schemes | | nil |
| (c) Number of additional separate dwellings actually completed during the year | ... .. | nil |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT INSPECTION

Slaughtering for the district was carried out at Stockport No. 2 Abattoir. This slaughterhouse operates on a regional basis and caters for the following districts:—Audenshaw, Bredbury and Romiley, Denton, Hyde Borough, and Marple.

The meat inspection services are worked on a rota system by the inspectorate concerned, based on the relative proportions of population within the districts, and the rota detail for Audenshaw operates on a one-week-in-eight system.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED BY THIS AUTHORITY'S INSPECTOR

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
1. No. killed (if known) ...	148	292	112	1,982*	2
2. No. Inspected	148	292	112	1,982*	2
3. All diseases except Tuberculosis—					
(a) Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	1	7	—
(b) Carcasses of which part or organ was con- demned	74		—	108	—
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tubercu- losis	16.82		0.89	5.95	—
4. Tuberculosis only—					
(a) Whole carcasses con- demned	—	5	2	—	—
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	124			—	—
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuber- culosis	29.32		1.78	—	—

* One sheep inspected within the district.

The total amount of meat condemned by your officer at the slaughterhouse during the year was 6 tons 18 cwt.

ICE-CREAM

Registration of Premises

The state of registration within the district to 31st December, 1953, is as follows:—

Number of premises registered:

- (1) For the sale and manufacture of ice-cream ... 7
- (2) For the sale only of ice-cream 16

Certain of the premises shown as registered under (1) above have ceased to manufacture ice-cream, but registration has continued in force as the premises are up to the standard approved within the district.

Sampling of Ice-Cream

The following samples were taken during the year :—

Ice-cream	12
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The results of the laboratory examinations on these samples were as under :—

		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Methylene Blue Reduction					
Test	... ..	10	1	1	—

The number of samples falling within Grade 1 is to be regarded as highly satisfactory.

OTHER FOODS

The under-mentioned quantities of foods were condemned within the period :—

	Cwt.	Qr.	Lb.
(1) Canned and bottled foods	15	3	5½
(2) Dried fruits	—	3	24

MILK SUPPLY

Sampling of Milk

The bacteriological examination of milk samples is a free service to Local Authorities, and samples have been procured by this Authority on convenient and essential occasions. The details of samples taken within the operative period are presented in tabular form.

AUDENSHAW U.D.C.

Authority and Type of Milk Sample	N. of samples taken	Phosphatase Test		Methylene Blue Test		Turbidity Test		Animal Inoculation (Tuberculosis)	
		Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.
(a) Pasteurised	6	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Tuberculin-tested	10	—	—	10	—	—	—	10	—
(c) Accredited	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1*

MANCHESTER C.B.C.

(a) Pasteurised	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Tuberculin-tested (Pasteurised) ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	19	8	—	19	—	—	—	10	1*

* Action was taken in respect of one sample of Accredited milk which proved unsatisfactory. The animal from which the bad sample of milk came was dealt with under Section 20 of the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.

LICENSING FOR THE SALE OF DESIGNATED MILKS

	Pasteurised Milk	In respect of Sterilised Milk	Tuberculin- tested Milk	Accredited Milk
Dealers' Licences	12	40	5	—
Dealers' Supplementary Licences	10	9	10	1

SAMPLING OF OTHER FOODS AND DRUGS

Routine control was carried out by the Lancashire County Council, which is the Food and Drugs Authority for this area. Sampling is carried out by the County Council mainly with a view to checking on adulteration in foods. The following samples were procured by the County Council Officer within this district and during the year:—

Milk	46	Other foods	23
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STANDARDS OF FOOD HYGIENE

No statutory action was taken under the provisions of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, and the associated local bye-laws controlling the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and the sale of food in the open air.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Visits re	No. of Visits
Structural defects	983
Water Supply	3
Drainage, closets, etc.	386
Filthy and verminous premises	20
Other insect pests	13
Dustbins	378
Accumulation of refuse, etc.	11
Animals improperly kept	1
Refuse collection, salvage, refuse disposal, etc. ...	217
Rats and mice	30
Schools	14
Factories	16
Outworkers	10
Stables, piggeries and workplaces	17
Cases of notifiable disease	38
Food premises of all types, excluding slaughter- houses	90
Slaughterhouses	29
Smoke Abatement	23
Snow Clearance, etc.	3
Miscellaneous	35
Total ...	2,317

NOTICES SERVED, ETC.

	SERVED		COMPLIED WITH		
	Informal	Statutory	Informal	By owner Statutory	In default
Public Health and Housing Acts ...	247	142	274	167	40
Factories Act	2	—	3	—	—
Food and Drugs Act ...	3	—	3	—	—
Total ...	252	142	280	167	40

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